

numbers of tourists, such as Honolulu, Las Vegas, Orlando, Los Angeles, New Orleans, San Francisco, Miami and countless other communities across the nation.

I also believe that there are significant misconceptions about the spousal travel deduction. It has been unfairly characterized as wealthy businessmen traveling to exotic locations and deducting the expenses of the wife. The reality is the deduction has been much more frequently taken by traveling salesmen and saleswomen and small business owners attending trade shows or soliciting business in trips across the around the nation. It was a middle-income tax, not an abuse exploited by the wealthiest. The wealthy have tax shelters that pale the spousal travel deduction, shelters not available to the working men and women of our country. The vast majority of beneficiaries solid, hard-working, tax-paying Americans with a couple of kids, trying to make ends meet. Those are the people we should be designing the tax system to give a fair shake.

I will be working in the next weeks and months in this Congress to move this legislation forward. Any tax reform or reduction legislation should address this issue. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in Congress to making enactment of this bill a reality.

CONGRATULATING SHERIFF TIM HUTCHISON

HON. VAN HILLEARY

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Knox County Sheriff Tim Hutchison on being named National Sheriff of the Year by the National Sheriff's Association.

A twenty-three year veteran of the Knox County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Hutchison became sheriff in 1990, the first time a person within the department has been elected to the top position.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Hutchison has done an outstanding job bringing national recognition to the largest law enforcement agency in east Tennessee. Along with the fine men and women of the Knox County Sheriff's Department, he has done much to modernize the agency. The number of department employees has grown to nearly 1,000, including three hundred sworn officers and four hundred correctional officers.

Under Sheriff Hutchison's tenure, a new residential training facility was built using inmate labor and drug seizure money, virtually eliminating any expense to the taxpayer. This facility has graduated more than 120 certified officers from Knox and surrounding counties, easing the backlog at the state law enforcement training facility.

Sheriff Hutchison is quick to share this honor with the men and women of the Knox County Sheriff's Department. Knox County has become one of the best law enforcement agencies in the country and it is without a doubt a credit to the vision and leadership of Tim Hutchison.

CELEBRATING THE INCORPORATION OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, It is my pleasure to congratulate the City of Lake Mary, Florida on its twenty fifth anniversary of incorporation.

The City of Lake Mary began in the 1800's as two settlements on the shore of the lake for which it is named. The area was originally know as Bent's Station, named after a man who lived there and planted several large orange groves. Later, a minister, J. F. Sundell, moved to the area with the lake's namesake, his wife Mary. The first seeds of the city that now prospers there were planted in Seminole County, whose history dates back to the Seminole Indian wars in the 1800's.

The town was built between Sanford and Orlando along the route of a narrow gauge railroad. While Lake Mary's beginnings date back to the 19th century it was officially incorporated as a city on August 7, 1973. In 1923 the first Lake Mary Chamber of Commerce was established. By the 1960's the area was being surrounded by new developments. To establish its distinct personality as a community the Chamber of Commerce successfully passed a referendum establishing the City of Lake Mary in 1973.

Today the City has grown beyond its original scope as a citrus and agriculture community to become the corporate home for some of America's largest companies. Lake Mary has preserved much of the natural beauty that intermingles with handsome residential neighborhoods of the City even in the midst of growth. I am extremely pleased to watch Lake Mary blossom as it provides an outstanding locale for people to live, work and retire. Lake Mary is a great example of an American community with citizens, municipal leaders and local businessmen and women coming together over the years to make their city outstanding in every respect.

It is my distinct honor to represent such a model community as the City of Lake Mary.

Congratulations Lake Mary on your first twenty five years!

GEANNCARLO LUGO—THE FUTURE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, I rise before you today to praise Geanncarlo Lugo from my district who recently completed the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (UGSP). The NIH 10-week summer research program is open only to scholars who have either a 3.5 grade point average or are in the top 5 percent of their class. To be eligible, candidates must also be committed to pursuing a career in biomedical research. The UGSP was set up for students who might not traditionally have research training opportunities. It was designed to improve access to undergraduate

education that leads to careers in biomedical research, and to nurture scholarship recipients' interest in the NIH for their research training after graduation.

Geanncarlo is only one of 24 scholars selected in a nationwide competition for this prestigious program, and his journey to NIH this summer has been a long one. He put himself through Southwestern College and then San Diego State University (SDSU), even working on immunological research at the Scripps Research Institute while attending school. He graduated from SDSU with his bachelor's degree in molecular and cellular biology and plans to pursue his doctorate in immunology at the University of California at Berkeley, where he has been accepted. But first, he will spend a year at NIH, continuing his immunological studies and repaying his debt to the federal government for his participation in the program.

With scholars like Geanncarlo Lugo as the future of our biomedical research community, I am confident that many of our immunological mysteries will be solved.

A TRIBUTE TO JEROME ROBBINS

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to mark the passing of one of the greatest, most innovative, and diversely talented artists of our time. Jerome Robbins, age 79, passed away last Wednesday night in his apartment in New York after suffering a stroke earlier last week.

Jerome Robbins loved the stage. From his early years in dance, to his illustrious and well marked career in choreography and directing, he put his entire self into his work. The integrity of his productions, the ability to roam the expanse of artistic expression without boundaries is what helped him make his mark. While his theater credits include such well known productions as "Gypsy," "West Side Story," and "Fiddler on the Roof," it was in ballet that he felt the freedom in which to create.

It was through this freedom that he helped give America its own identity in the world of ballet. His first ballet, "Fancy Free," later adapted into the Broadway musical "On the Town," was Jerome's attempt to create a style of dance belonging to the United States. The youthful spirit of the show combined traditional ballet with more popular dances like the Lindie. Jerome created a dance that was the face of America.

Jerome captured the spirit of the country and proudly displayed it on stage. He was an innovator, a paradigm, a great artist whose absence will be felt in the ballet and theater community for a long, long time.

WELFARE REFORM ACT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the success of one of the Republican Congress' greatest achievements, the